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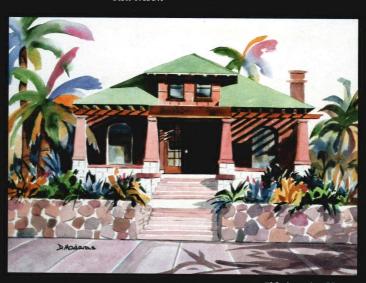
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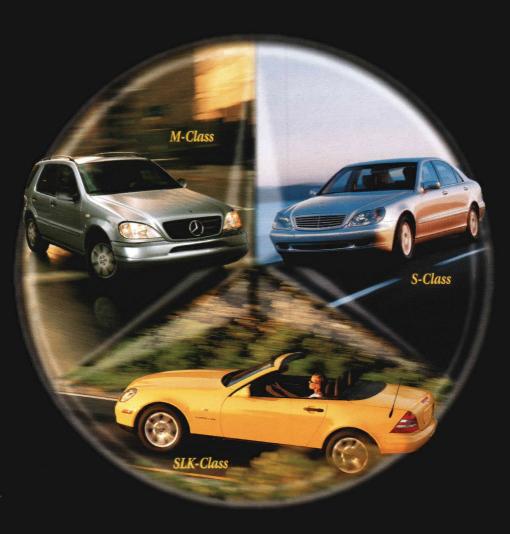
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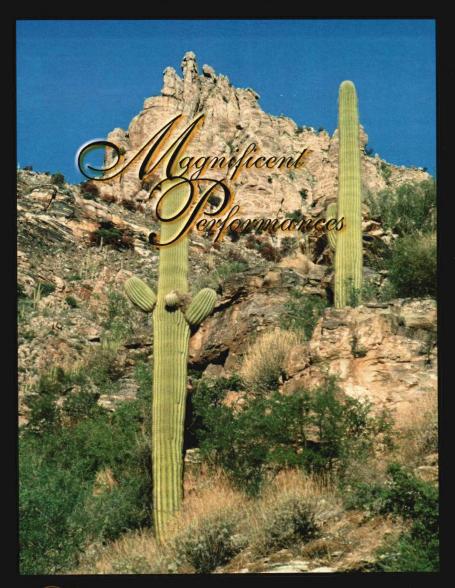
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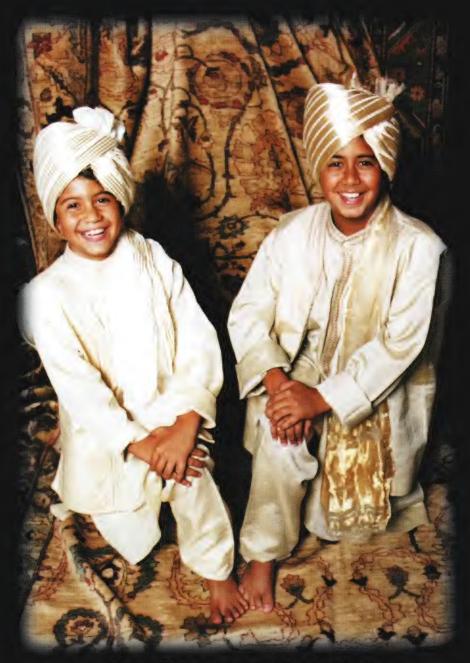
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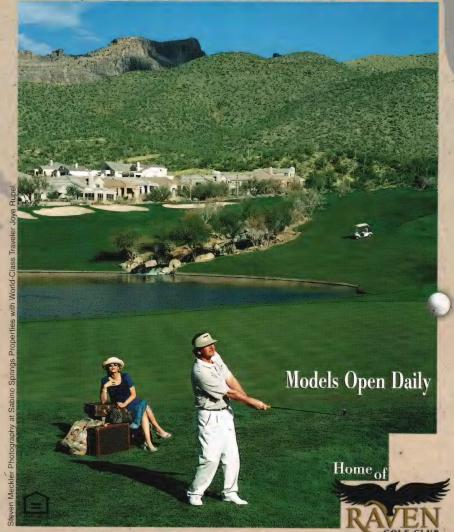
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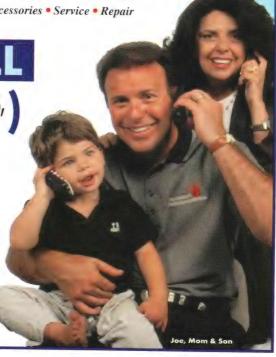
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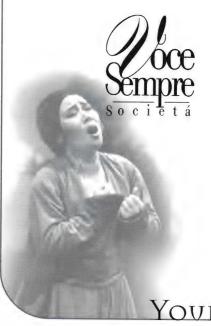
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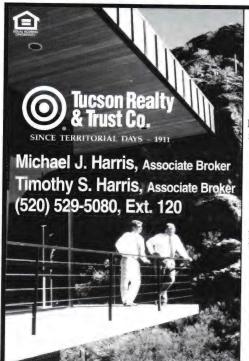
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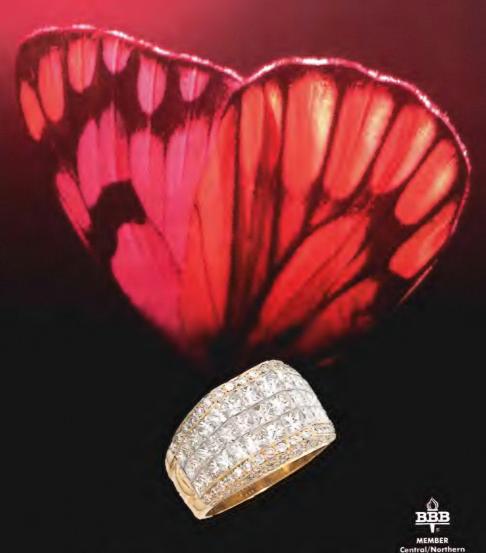
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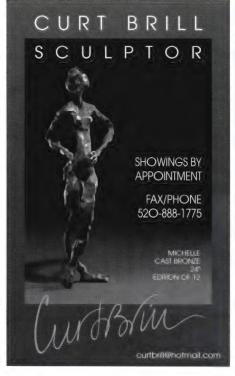
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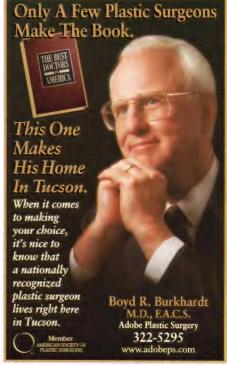


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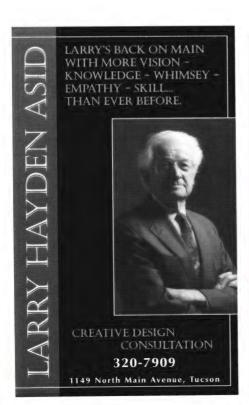


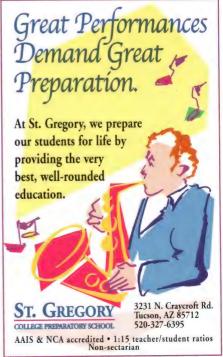






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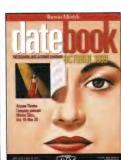
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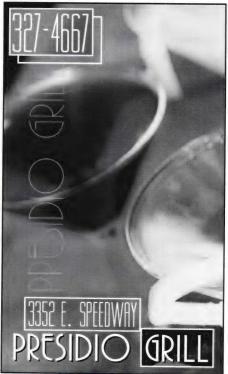
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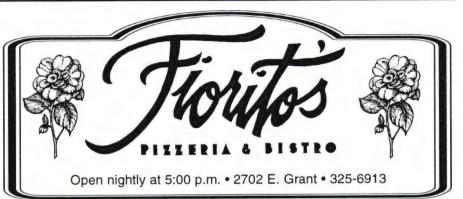
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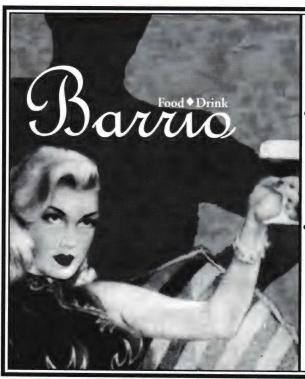
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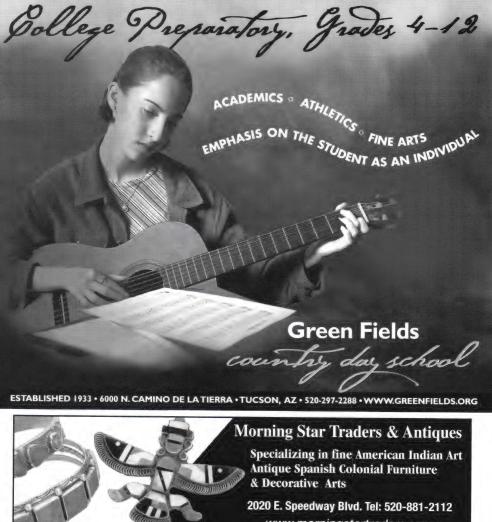
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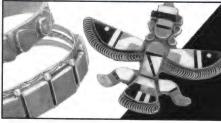
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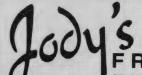
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ACT I SCENE 1

A SQUARE OUTSIDE DR. BARTOLO'S HOUSE

A band of musicians appear, hired by Count Almaviva, to serenade the beautiful Rosina, the wealthy ward of Dr. Bartolo. Bartolo has his sights on marrying Rosina himself so he keeps her a virtual prisoner in his home. Almaviva has followed Rosina from Madrid, determined to win her, but has disguised himself as a poor student, Lindoro. Rosina loves him for himself and not his money, then she will become Countess Almaviva. The Count appears and begins his serenade (Ecco, ridente in cielo), but to no avail. He pays the musicians and keeps his lonely vigil outside Rosina's window. Figaro enters proclaiming his demand about town due to his many skills (Largo al factotum della citta). It turns out that Figaro is Dr. Bartolo's barber and that he and Almaviva have met before. Almaviva is thrilled to learn of Figaro's access to the Bartolo household and they begin plotting how to introduce Almaviva to Rosina. Figaro and Almaviva decide that Almaviva should appear at the Bartolo house as a soldier demanding the right to be housed, a right that Bartolo cannot refuse.

Scene 2

A ROOM IN DR. BARTOLO'S HOUSE

Alone in the room, Rosina dreams of the voice she has heard outside her window (Una voce poco fa). She states that she is sweetness itself unless she is crossed, then she is a viper. Figaro has managed his way into Bartolo's house and meets briefly with Rosina. Bartolo, suspicious as always, guizzes Rosina about the meeting. He also questions the housekeeper Berta and his old servant Ambroggio. Don Basilio, the music teacher and sometime marriage broker, arrives and Bartolo tells him the situation is urgent. Count Almaviva has been spotted in Seville and Basilio decides that a serious plan of slander may run the Bartolo is hesitant but Basilio continues to Count out of town. persuade him (La calunnia e un venticello). Figaro overhears the plan and quickly meets with Rosina to set up the entrance of her mysterious lover, the student Lindoro. To Figaro's surprise, Rosina is already several steps ahead of him (Dunque io son). Bartolo is irritated with Rosina's continued protests of her innocence and tells her to come up with better excuses (A un dottor della mia sorte). Almaviva finally makes his appearance at the Bartolo house as a drunken soldier demanding to be Bartolo states that he is exempt from this requirement. housed.



Rosina manages to slip Almaviva a note amidst the confusion. Berta, followed by Basilio and Figaro, tells them that a crowd has gathered outside due to the chaos in the Bartolo house. The police arrive to restore order and try to arrest Almaviva. The Count reveals his identity privately to the sargeant and is released. Everyone is astounded by the turn of events.

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ACT II

THE MUSIC ROOM IN DR. BARTOLO'S HOUSE

Almaviva presents himself to Bartolo, this time disguised as Don Alonso, a music teacher and protégé of Don Basilio who is currently indisposed. To gain Bartolo's confidence, "Alonso" reveals that he has intercepted a note from the Count to Rosina. "Alonso" hopes to use Rosina's music lesson to convince her of the Count's unsuitability. Bartolo hurries off to get Rosina. During the lesson, Bartolo falls asleep giving Alonso/Lindoro/Almaviva and Rosina the opportunity to express their feelings for each other.

Figaro arrives to shave Bartolo and is sent to get the shaving materials. Figaro takes this opportunity to steal the key to the balcony and then smashes glass to lure Bartolo away from the music lesson. Unfortunately, Don Basilio arrives and is quickly bribed to leave (Buona sera, mio signore). Figaro begins shaving Bartolo and Rosina is told of Figaro's plan to unlock the balcony so she and Lindoro (Almaviva) can elope. Bartolo, not completely unaware, gets wind of the plot and sends everyone away. Bartolo, holding the letter received from "Don Alonso", convinces Rosina that Almaviva is unfaithful and that Lindoro is actually an agent of Almaviva's who will sell her to the Count. In a fit, Rosina reveals the plans and agrees to marry Bartolo.

Later that evening, a storm begins. The Count and Figaro appear on the balcony outside Rosina's window for the impending elopement. Rosina, still believing the lies about Almaviva, at first refuses. The Count reveals his identity and Rosina agrees to the escape (Zitti zitti piano piano). They realize that the ladder has been removed from the balcony and Basilio arrives along with the notary. With another bribe, Basilio agrees to witness the marriage of Almaviva and Rosina. Bartolo arrives, but it is too late. Bartolo accepts his loss and eventually gives his blessing to the new couple.



Biographies

Daniel Mobbs - Baritone
Figaro (October 6, 8, 13, 15)
Last Arizona Opera Appearance: Marcello/La Bobème
Recent Appearances: Dandini/La Cenerentola with Baltimore
Opera, Figaro/ll Barbiere di Sivilgia with Spier Festival (South
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Daniel Belcher - Baritone
Figaro (October 7, 12, 14)
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Recent Appearances: Guglielmo/Cosi fan tutte with Lyric
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with Houston Grand Opera, title role/Don Giovanni
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and Second Lady/Die Zauberflote with Calgary Opera,
Cherubino/Le Nozze di Figaro & Baba
/The Rake's Progress with Edmonton Opera
Upcoming: Varvara/Katya Kabanova with L'Opera de
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Companies: L'Opera de Quebec, Manitoba Opera,
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Joyce DiDonato - Mezzo-soprano
Rosina (October 7, 12, 14)
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tutte with Houston Grand Opera, Cherubino/Le Nozze di
Figaro with Santa Fe Opera, Isabella/L'talianna in Algeri
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Upcoming: Dorabella/Cosi Jan tutte with Washington Opera
and Houston Grand Opera, Angelina/La Centerentola
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Matthew Gurney/Emmeline with Nantes Opera Companies: Calgary Opera, Central City Opera, Manitoba Opera, New York City Opera, Opera Carolina, Opera Festival, Opera Pacific, Santa Fe Opera, Spoleto Festival, Utah Opera



Thomas Trotter - Tenor Count Almaviva (October 7, 12, 14) Arizona Opera Debut

Recent Appearances: Count Almaviva/Il Barbiere di Siviglia with Natchez Opera Festival, Gonzalve/L'heur espagnole with New York City Opera, Pauper/world premiere of Paul Schoenfield's The Merchant and the Pauper with Opera Theater of St. Louis. Alfred/Die Fledermaus with Athena Grand Opera, Ariondante and

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Steven Condy - Bass-Baritone Dr. Bartolo

Arizona Opera Debut Recent Appearances: Dr. Bartolo/Il Barbiere di Siviglia with Opera Memphis, Sacristan/Tosca with Pittsburgh Opera, Benôit and Alcindoro/La Bohème and Elder McLean/Susannah with Kentucky Opera, Sulpice/La Fille du Regiment with Opera

Lyra Ottawa Upcoming: title role/Falstaff with Madison Opera, Leporello/Don Giovanni with Indianapolis Opera Companies: Austin Lyric Opera, Calgary Opera, Dallas Opera, Opera Columbus, Opera Company of Philadelphia, Opera Festival of New Jersey, Orlando Opera, San Francisco Opera, Sarasota Opera



Bradley Garvin - Bass Basilio Arizona Opera Debut Recent Appearances: Angelotti/Tosca with Metropolitan Opera, Escamillo/Carmen with Nashville Opera, Calgary Opera & Opera Colorado, Blitch/Susanna with Pittsburgh Opera Theater Upcoming: Escamillo/Carmen with Arizona Opera, Four Villains/Les Contes d'Hoffman with Sarasota Opera

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Postcard from Morocco with Opera Festival of New Jersey,
Marcellina/Le Nozze di Figaro with Opera Omaha & Arizona
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Reynaldo Romo - Tenor Fiorello/Sergeant
Last Arizona Opera Appearance: Of Mice and Men
Recent Appearances: Eugene Onegin, Lucia di Lammermoor, Die Fledermaus, Andrea Chénier, La Bobème, Turandot, Le Nozze di Figaro with Arizona Opera
Upcoming: La Dancaire/Carmen and Hortensio/La Fille du Regiment with Arizona Opera
Companies: University of Arizona, Eastern Arizona
Community College Orchestra, Tucson Pops Concert, Alamos Festival (Navajoa, Mexico)



Dale Dreyfoos - Character Tenor Ambrogio
Arizona Opera Debut
Recent Activities: Professor of Opera/Music Theater/ASU, Stage Artistry Instuctor for American Institute of Musical Studies (Graz, Austria)
Upcoming: Dido and Acneas, Susannah, Amahl and the Night Visitors with Lyric Opera Theater/Arizona State University, Don Pasquale with South Carolina Opera
Companies: Opera Carolina, Haydn Festival (Eisenstadt, Austria), Piccolo Spoleto Festival, Des Moines Metro Opera, Mississippi Opera, Opera Carolina Theater, Shakespeare Sedona, Arizona State University Lyric Opera Theater



Kirk Muspratt - Conductor
Last Arizona Opera Appearance: Of Mice and Men
Recent Appearances: Newly appointed Music Director of
Indiana Symphony, Die Fledermaus with Calgary Opera, The
Merry Widow with Utah Opera, Los Angeles Philharmonic,
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Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
Upcoming: debut with KBS Symphony in Seoul, Korea,
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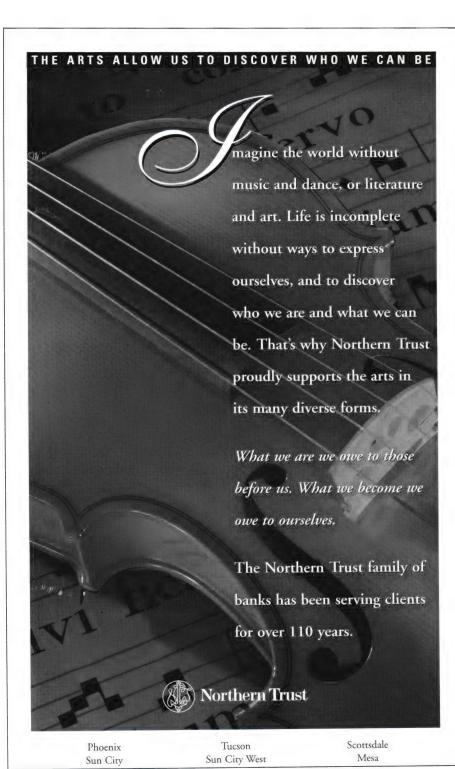
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Rossini continued composing at a dramatic rate after *Barber*. In 1829, Rossini composed *Guillaume Tell* which is considered to be his finest opera and contains some of his most inspired music, elaborate orchestrations, spectacular ballets and processions. Apparently, Rossini felt this to be the pinnacle of his operatic career and at the age of 37 stopped writing opera for the remainder of his life.

Rossini died on November 13, 1868 in Passy, France as a universally honored composer. *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* remains one of the most performed operas in the world and many companies are now performing and recording some of Rossini's more obscure works.

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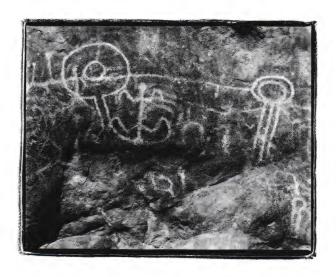
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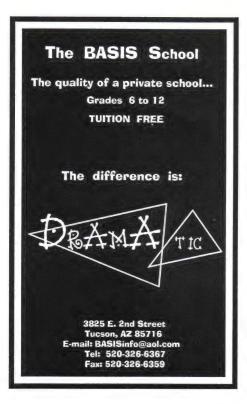
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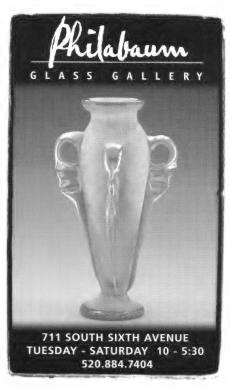
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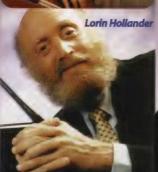
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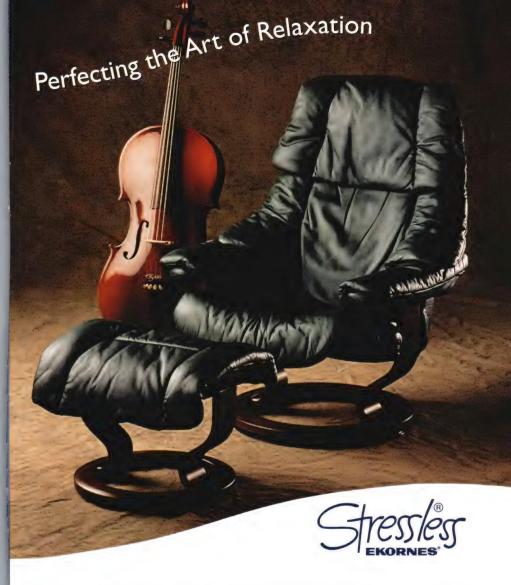


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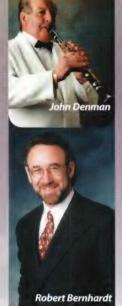
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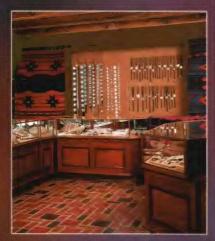
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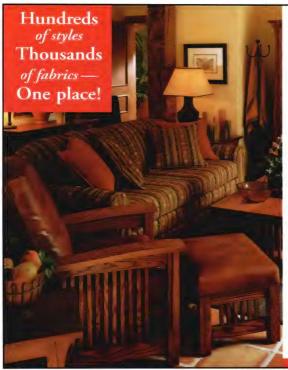






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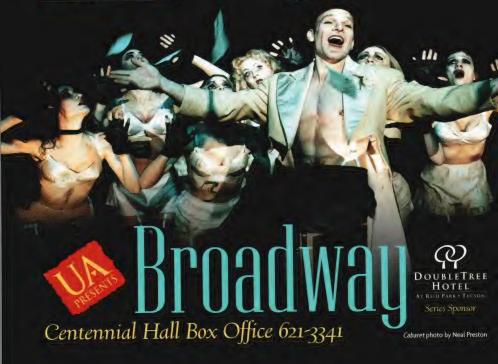
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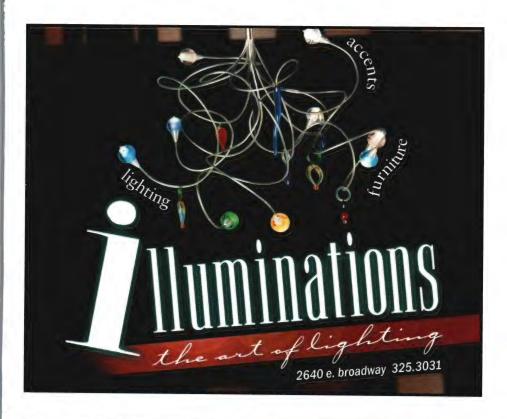


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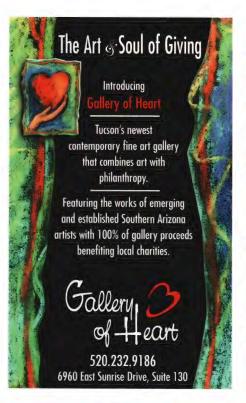
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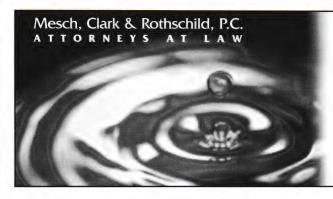
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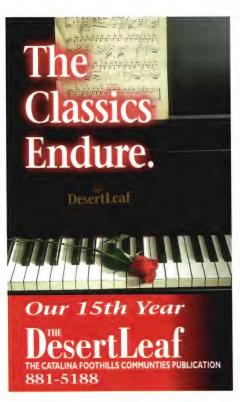
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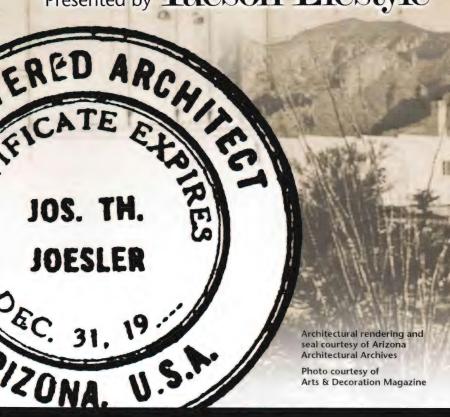
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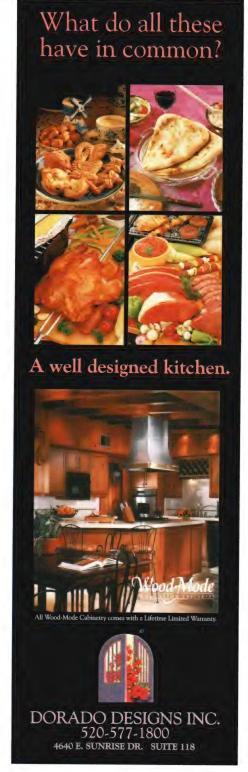
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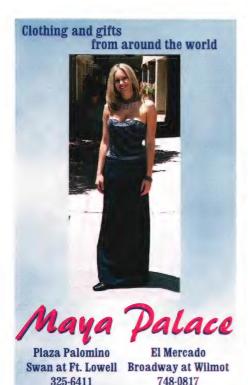
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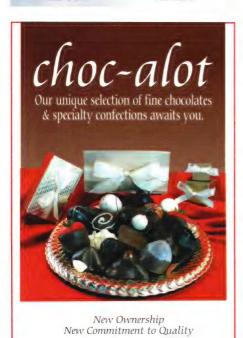




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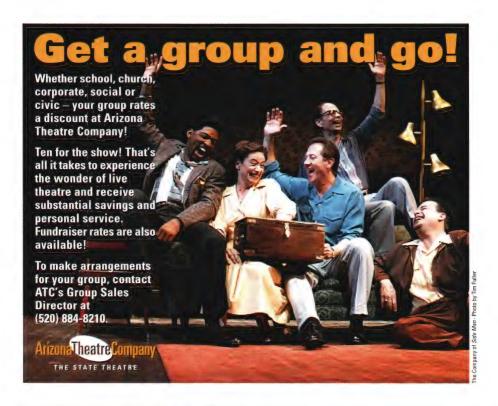


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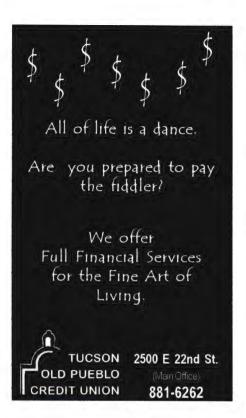


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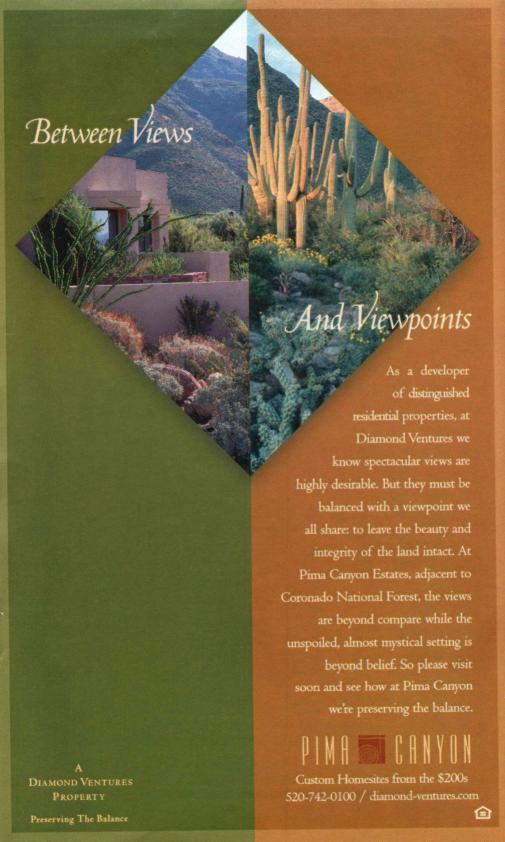
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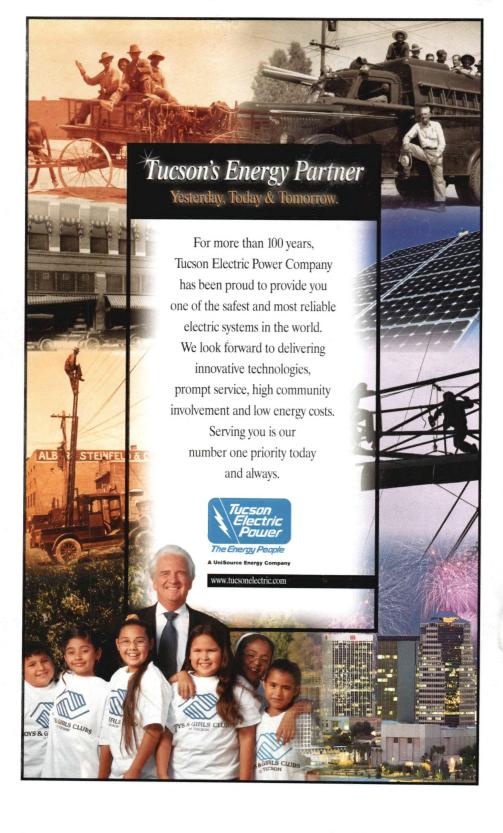


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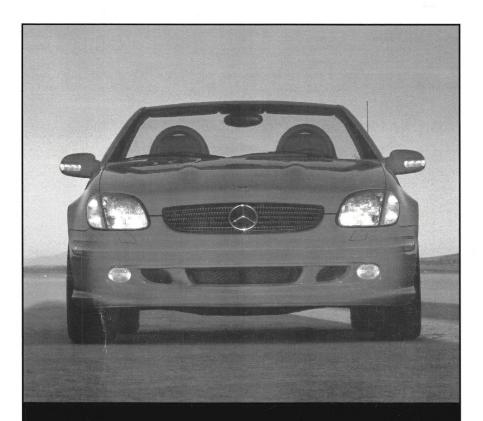


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